

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 4, 2010

As required by the Borough Code, Mayor John Backman called Blossburg Borough Council Reorganization Meeting to order at 6:15 P.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

Attendance: Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, Thomas Bogaczyk, James Bogaczyk, Jill Nickerson, Jeffrey Everett, (Mark Bowne, left meeting at 6:40 P.M., because his daughter is a participant in an away game for girls N.P.H.S. basketball), Roger Bunn; Mayor John Backman; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); (absent, Chief Ronald Steffen); Corporal Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette; David Jones, Bev Jones, Josh Jones and Kenneth Hughes.

Oath: Mayor John Backman administered the Oath to newly elected Councilmembers:

Jerome Ogden, Thomas Bogaczyk, James Bogaczyk, Roger Bunn (Each elected 4-year terms).
All terms were result of the elections.

According to the requirements of Borough Codes, the Mayor conducted the election of Council President and Council Vice-President:

Nomination Council President: James Bogaczyk; motion of Jeffrey Everett; second, Jill Nickerson.
All in favor.

Nomination Council Vice-President: Jerome Ogden.
Mr. Ogden declined.
Thomas Bogaczyk; motion of Jeffrey Everett; second, Mark Bowne.
All in favor.

Nomination Second Vice-President: Jill Nickerson; motion of Jeffrey Everett; second, Thomas Bogaczyk.
All in favor.

Newly elected President James J. Bogaczyk presided over the other elections and appointments.

Appointment of Borough Solicitor: Patrick J. Barrett, III; motion Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Jeffrey Everett.
All in favor.

Appointment of Borough Engineer: William S. Bray; motion Jeffrey Everett; second, Jill Nickerson.
All in favor.

Appointment of Borough Secretary-Treasurer: Mary Signor; motion Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

Appointment of Tax Collector for the collection of LST (Local Services Tax): Dorothy Rakoski; motion Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Mark Bowne. All in favor.

Depository for Blossburg Borough: First Citizens National Bank (FCNB); motion Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

Vehicle, Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier: Gannon Associates; motion Jeffrey Everett; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

Committees of Council: Television and Outdoor Furnace Committees were removed, since they are no longer required. All other Committees to remain the same, although some Councilmembers changed Committees; motion Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**GARBAGE: REDEVELOPMENT: SEWER: WATER:**

Thomas Bogaczyk	307 Granger Street	638-3688
James Bogaczyk	338 North Williamson Road	638-2933
Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	638-2586

BUDGET:

Jerome Ogden	262 South Williamson Road	638-2296
Thomas Bogaczyk	307 Granger Street	638-3688
James Bogaczyk	338 North Williamson Road	638-2933
Jeffrey Everett	331 South Williamson Road	638-3554
Roger Bunn	137 North Williamson Road	638-2082

STREETS & ROADS: PROPERTY & BOROUGH EQUIPMENT:

Jerome Ogden	262 South Williamson Road	638-2296
Thomas Bogaczyk	307 Granger Street	638-3688
James Bogaczyk	338 North Williamson Road	638-2933
Mark Bowne	111 Post Street	638-3546

LIBRARY:

**(Blossburg Memorial Library Meetings are held Quarterly – Jan-April-July-October
3rd Monday of Month in the Blossburg Memorial Basement at 4:00 P.M.)**

Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	638-2586
Roger Bunn	137 North Williamson Road	638-2082

POLICE:

Jerome Ogden	262 South Williamson Road	638-2296
Thomas Bogaczyk	307 Granger Street	638-3688
James Bogaczyk	338 North Williamson Road	638-2933
Jeffrey Everett	331 South Williamson Road	638-3554
Mark Bowne	111 Post Street	638-3546

FIRE:

**(Blossburg Fire Department Meetings are held the 4th Monday of Month in the
Blossburg Fire & Ambulance Building at 7:30 P.M.)**

Jeffrey Everett	331 South Williamson Road	638-3554
Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	638-2586
Roger Bunn	137 North Williamson Road	638-2082

RECREATION:

James Bogaczyk	338 North Williamson Road	638-2933
Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	638-2586
George Lloyd	205 South Williamson Road	638-2836

KCC:

Thomas Bogaczyk	307 Granger Street	638-3688
Mark Bowne	111 Post Street	638-3546

MONUMENT:

Jerome Ogden	262 South Williamson Road	638-2296
Thomas Bogaczyk	307 Granger Street	638-3688

SHADE TREE COMMISSION:

Jeffrey Everett	331 South Williamson Road	638-3554
William Novitske, Jr.	230 South Williamson Road	638-2455
Bev Jones	386 Granger Street	638-2763

VACANCY BOARD:

Anthony Lupkowski	209 Ruah Street	638-2306
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Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Council President James J. Bogaczyk called the Blossburg Borough Council regular meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 14, 2009 and December 28, 2009 meetings were accepted on motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Report accepted subject to audit on motion of Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

Bills: Bills to be paid on motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

Guests: None present.

Reports:

(A) **NPHS Student:** No student present.

(B) **KCC:** Borough is scheduling the rentals of KCC Building.

All revenues and expenditures are being made through the Blossburg Borough General Fund Checking Account.

(C) **Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are held on third Wednesday of the month in the community room of the Blossburg Memorial Library at 6:00 P.M.

Councilmember Jill Nickerson reported The Main Street Façade Program has been closed out.

Skate Park: Nothing reported.

(D) **Mayor:** Mayor Backman read a letter received from Chief Ronald Steffen stating he is retiring, as chief, effective January 19, 2010.

Councilmembers suggested that a plaque be made in honor of Chief Steffen, with his years of service engraved on the plaque. Also, Mayor Backman is to write a letter. Both items are to be presented to Chief Steffen at the next Council meeting

(E) **Police:** Everyone has received a copy of the Police Report.

The Police Report was accepted on motion of Jill Nickerson; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

Councilmember Thomas Bogaczyk questioned the number of nonpayment drive off complaints from the Kwik-Fill. The Police Department and the Police Committee are to draft a letter suggesting a few preventative methods to the Kwik-Fill

(F) **Police Committee:** Nothing further to report.

Reports:

(G) Borough Manager:

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Jill Nickerson; second, Jeffrey Everett.
All in favor.

Spring Cleanups:

Spring Cleanup is scheduled for April 26 – April 30, 2010. Items for pickup should be put out on Saturday or Sunday night, April 24 – 25, 2010. **All items must be out by Tuesday Night.** All spring cleanup items will be picked up by Friday, April 30, 2010. **Local trash only!**

Island Park cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2010, with the rain date set for May 8, 2010.

Coal Festival: Coal Festival is scheduled May 26 – 28, 2010.

(H) Planning Commission: Meeting of December 29, 2009.

Reviewed and approved St. Andrews Church & Hall to be made into apartment buildings. Convert the church into six (6) apartments and the hall into three (3) apartments.

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting. Meeting is to be scheduled for St. Andrews property.

Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett is working on getting the St. Andrews Church and Hall back as taxed parcels.

(I) Recreation:

On December 21, 2009 the Borough of Blossburg had to issue a stop work order on the zero access structure for the Island Park pool, because of concerns with the quality of the concrete work.

According to plan specs, the concrete was to be hand floated, trowled and double edged with light broom finish, suitable to bare feet. The contractors work was anything but suitable and did not meet project specifications in many additional regards.

The deficient zero access pool floors will be removed by January 18, 2010

Main Line submitted their third invoice for materials and work completed at the pool. Most of the invoice is for SS Gutters that have already been delivered. The invoice amount is \$76,500.00, and is due January 17, 2009. Motion to pay third request was made by Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

(J) Fire: A Financial Report and copy of minutes were not received.

Borough Manager George Lloyd and Councilmember Jeffrey Everett attended the meeting. Elections of officers were held.

New Officers:	Blossburg Fire Department –	Shawn Carey, Chief
		Thomas Medycki, President
	Blossburg Ambulance –	Myra Kreger, Chief
		Steve Hall, President

Two (2) fundraisers are being planned: 1) a fish fry. 2) Super Bingo.

Reports:

(K) **Library:** No meeting.

(L) **Street Committee:** Nothing to report.

(M) **Budget:** A budget was set up for Recreation. The budget proposal includes revenues and expenditures for pool, park, and KCC Building. All revenues and expenditures will be made through the Blossburg Borough General Fund Checking Account.

(N) **Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):**

BMA meeting will be held tomorrow night.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Southern Tioga School District Plans for Closing North Penn High School:

Important dates: Monday, January 11, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. – NPHS auditorium
STSD Board work session.
Monday, January 18, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. – NPHS library
STSD work session with architect & financial planners.

Community support is encouraged.

Southern Tioga School Board Meetings are held the same date and times as Blossburg Borough Council Meetings. Council President James J. Bogaczyk asked Councilmembers, if possible, to change the regular Council Meeting date from the second Monday of month to the first Monday of month, until a decision is made in regards to N.P.H.S. With changing the meeting date Councilmembers would be able to attend the school board meetings. Borough Secretary Mary Signor stated that Bank statements are not received until after the 1st of month. With a date change, that the financial reports would not be up to date with the monthly Bank Statements. Councilmember Jill Nickerson made a motion to change the regular Council Meeting to the first Monday of the month, until further notice; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

Meeting change to be advertised.

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING DATE CHANGE**

Starting February 1, 2010, the Blossburg Borough Council Meetings will be held the **first** Monday of the month at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street, Blossburg, PA 16912. This schedule will continue until further notice.

2. Ordinance: RE: \$400,000 Obligation Note – Swimming Pool & Capital Related:

Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett is working on Borough of Blossburg – Application for Approval of the Issuance of \$400,000 Principal Amount General Obligation Note, Series of 2010. George Lloyd and Mary Signor are to complete/organize forms and then send to Harrisburg.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. REVIEW BOROUGH INSURANCE PACKAGE: JANUARY 6, 2010 AT 9:30 A.M.
2. SEMINAR ON IMPACTS OF GAS WELL DRILLING ON PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY:
DATE: JANUARY 20, 2010 TIME: 6:00P.M. PLACE: IN THE WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

ADJOURNMENT: President James J. Bogaczyk closed the meeting at 7:27 P.M.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary